



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-03

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2016**

WHEREAS, cities and communities across the country are confronted with the issue of one in four students missing a month or more of school, placing them at risk of academic failure, drop out risk and reduced socialization; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the School Board of Broward County, Florida to increase student achievement. Research has shown a direct correlation between student attendance and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence is defined by Florida State Statutes as a student who has had at least five unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a calendar month, or 10 unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a 90-calendar-day period, may be exhibiting a pattern of non-attendance (F.S. 1003.26 (1) (b)), contributes to lower student achievement; and

WHEREAS, chronic absenteeism is a proven predictor of struggles in academics. Chronic absenteeism also increases the likelihood of dropping out; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County has partnered with community agencies such as The State Attorney's Office and state funded Children in Need of Services/Families in Need of Services (CINS/FINS) agencies to address the needs of students demonstrating chronic absence, both excused and unexcused; and

WHEREAS, ensuring and monitoring regular school attendance is the responsibility of all stakeholder groups in Broward County, Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares

September 2016 as Attendance Awareness Month

and urges everyone within its jurisdiction and under its authority to join in this annual observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

Attest: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-04

**Resolution Proclaiming Sunday, September 11, 2016 as a
Patriotic Observance: A Day to Remember**

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, recognizes the importance of a Patriotic Observance in honor of those who died during the tragic events of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Patriotism is a part of all the character traits adopted by the School Board; and

WHEREAS, The School Board joins in the celebration of this great country and all its resolve; and

WHEREAS, The School Board understands its role in educating students to demonstrate responsibility, citizenship, respect, kindness, and tolerance in a free democratic society; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims Sunday, September 11, 2016, as a day for Patriotic Observance.

A Day to Remember

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, encourages all citizens of this great county to pause for a moment of silence to honor those who died during this tragic event.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-05

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTION DAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787 members of the Constitutional Convention signed the final draft of the United States Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 108-447, the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2005 is currently federal law; and

WHEREAS, Section 111 of Public Law 108-447 details the requirements of a national Constitution Day; and

WHEREAS, Section 111 requires that Constitution Day be held on September 17 of each year; and

WHEREAS, Section 111 requires that when September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, Constitution Day shall be held during the preceding or following week; and

WHEREAS, Section 111 states that all educational institutions receiving funds from the Federal Department of Education are required to comply by implementing an educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County, Florida is an educational institution receiving funding from the Federal DOE;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with Public Law 108-447, Section 111, of the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2005 declares

September 17th, 2016

Constitution Day

and calls for all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-06

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHOOSE PEACE – STOP VIOLENCE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2016
CHOOSE PEACE ACROSS BROWARD DAY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

WHEREAS, violence and risky behaviors have become a serious problem in our communities and society at large with great implications for the well-being and future of our children; and

WHEREAS, feelings of hurt, frustration, shame, or rejection are key components of bullying and violence escalation; and

WHEREAS, it has been researched and proven that a climate of safety and respect within the home and school is essential for students' academic achievement and overall health; and

WHEREAS, local leaders in government, business and the community, in collaboration with Broward County School Board personnel, have committed to work towards the elimination of youth violence and conflict in our community, as well the enhancement of inclusive environments conducive to academic success and overall student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools, in coordination with numerous local partners, has joined to support Choose Peace – Stop Violence Week as an annual week of educational activities aimed at preventing or reducing youth violence of all kinds while providing schools and communities with the tools, resources, and inspiration to launch an ongoing campaign to eliminate youth violence in Broward County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parent group and local organizations, hereby declares its support of

**CHOOSE PEACE – STOP VIOLENCE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2016
and declares SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 as
CHOOSE PEACE ACROSS BROWARD DAY**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents, and community leaders to join in this effort to create a safer, peaceful and non-violent community.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-07

Resolution In Support of Celebrate Freedom Week

September 26-30, 2016

WHEREAS, the state government of Florida has created Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 requiring the last full week of school in September to be "Celebrate Freedom Week"; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 requires three hours of appropriate instruction in each social studies class, as determined by the school district, which shall include an in-depth study of the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 requires that during Celebrate Freedom Week public school principals and teachers, at the beginning of the day or in homeroom, conduct an oral recitation of a portion of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, we are a country of freedom for all, no matter our differences in race, ethnicity, culture, gender, or ability; and

WHEREAS, it is the freedoms that Americans have which is why so many people from so many different countries want to come to our country to live; and

WHEREAS, It is our freedoms that have allowed us to work through our differences and remain united as a country for over 200 years; and

WHEREAS, to honor the freedoms of our country, we thank our leaders and remember that freedom is not guaranteed in all countries around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the state of Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 hereby declares

September 26-30, 2016

CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK

and calls for all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-08

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2016**

WHEREAS, Broward County is a tapestry of many cultures, each with its own traditions, woven together to form the heart and soul of our community; and

WHEREAS, a part of this multicultural tapestry is the pride of the Hispanic heritage, a deep commitment to family and community, and a strong work ethic, evident in Hispanic contributions to our economy, history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community is made up of a various traditions representing twenty countries joined together through the Spanish language; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to preserve the richness of this culture and to foster mutual respect and understanding among all peoples, this state and the nation have set aside an entire month of recognition, celebration and appreciation to be known as Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the various Hispanic organizations within the community will celebrate Hispanic Heritage with the full cooperation and support of the many Hispanic businesses in Broward County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other governmental bodies, agencies, organizations and businesses, hereby extend its support to the concept and the intent of Hispanic Heritage Month to be celebrated from

SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2016

and urges all schools, departments and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance through various projects, programs and celebrations.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No 17-09

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK
OCTOBER 10 THROUGH OCTOBER 14, 2016**

WHEREAS, the primary goal of Child Nutrition Programs is to safeguard the health and well-being of the children and youth of this nation. These programs are intended to provide nutritional and attractively prepared food at the lowest possible costs; and

WHEREAS, child nutrition programs are designed to serve as learning laboratories: for the development of good life-long food consumption habits; and for the improvement and maintenance of health and nutrition education for school children - through nutritionally adequate and educationally sound nonprofit programs; and

WHEREAS, it has been indicated by the United States Department of Agriculture that those who participate in school breakfast and lunch programs are more likely to meet the daily nutritional requirements than those who do not participate; and

WHEREAS, the Tufts University has documented evidence that well-fed students have shown improvements in academic performance, absenteeism, tardiness, and disciplinary problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of

October 10 through October 14, 2016

As

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

and urges all parents, students, and staff members to observe this week by promoting good nutritional practices.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-10

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER, 2016**

WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign by major breast organizations to increase awareness of the disease and encourage screening for early detection to uncover malignant cells forming in the breast; and

WHEREAS, women get breast cancer more than any other type of cancer except for skin cancer. Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as a cause of cancer death in women; and it is estimated nearly 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and more than 40,000 will die. Additionally, approximately 1,700 men will also be diagnosed with breast cancer and 450 will die each year. Men are also encouraged to be evaluated and to utilize mammography as a means of prevention; and

WHEREAS, early detection empowers an individual to begin to learn how to fight, get the facts, and instills hope leading to longer survival and improved survival rates; and educating the public about early detection, the cause, diagnosis, and treatment strengthens support for survivors; and

WHEREAS, performing breast self-exams and looking for signs of change; following a schedule of age appropriate examinations and mammograms; maintaining a healthy weight, following a low-fat diet, getting regular exercise, quitting smoking and reducing alcohol consumption are all positive actions an individual can do to reduce the incidence of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, values each of its employees, and since breast cancer primarily affects so many working women; urges everyone to become educated and proactive in combating this disease, utilizing health coverage available for early screenings, mammograms and accessing the mobile mammovan, if needed for annual screenings; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares its support of

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER, 2016**

and urge all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents and community leaders to support education leading to more awareness of this deadly disease, enabling everyone to get early screenings to avoid contracting breast cancer and progressively improve the survival rate.

Given in Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016.

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-12

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
DISABILITY MENTORING DAY - OCTOBER 19, 2016**

WHEREAS, more than one million people with disabilities have entered the labor force since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers, consumers, and workers, people with disabilities are contributing to our society and to their own fulfillment of the American dream; and,

WHEREAS, new generations of young people with disabilities are growing up in Broward County, Florida, graduating from high school, going to college, and preparing to participate in the workplace; and,

WHEREAS, job seekers with disabilities, regardless of age, are striving to attain economic independence through self-sufficiency and gainful employment; and,

WHEREAS, both students and job seekers with disabilities have the right to maximize their potential by making the most of their intellect, talents, and abilities in an environment free of physical, programmatic, and attitudinal barriers; and,

WHEREAS, the month of October was first declared National Disability Employment Awareness Month by the U.S. Congress in 1945 and U. S. Department of Labor supports "Workers with Disabilities: Ready for Tomorrow's Jobs Today"; and

WHEREAS, Disability Mentoring Day, planned in conjunction with National Disability Employment Month, provides an opportunity for students and job seekers with all types of disabilities to gain insight into career options by spending part of their day in the workplace "shadowing" an employee as he or she goes through a normal day on the job; and

WHEREAS, employers from the private, governmental, and non-profit sectors may benefit from mentoring people with disabilities as a way of learning about the experience of disability, developing lasting relationships with disability community leaders, and recruiting new and emerging talent for meaningful internships and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are made possible through broad partnerships at the national, state, and local level: the American Association of People with Disabilities, supported by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disabilities Employment Policy; the Able Trust, supported by the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and chaired by Harris Rosen, President of Rosen Hotels & Resorts; and the Center for Independent Living of Broward, supported by Workforce One, and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, along with private corporations such as Clear Channel Radio, non-profit organizations such as Volunteer Florida and Florida Mentoring Partnership, colleges and universities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Broward County, Florida does hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 19, 2016 as:

DISABILITY MENTORING DAY

in Broward County and encourage all citizens to recognize the enormous potential of people with disabilities and to work toward their full integration into the workforce.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-13

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS WEEKS – OCTOBER 2016

WHEREAS, the 2008 Legislature created Section 1003.4205, Florida Statutes, Disability History and Awareness Instruction designating the first two weeks in October each year as “Disability History and Awareness Weeks;” and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this intensive instruction is to expand students’ knowledge, understanding, and awareness of individuals with disabilities, the history of disability, and the disability rights movement; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that this instruction be integrated into existing school curriculums by qualified school personnel or knowledgeable guest speakers; and

WHEREAS, the goals of disability history and awareness instruction include better treatment of individuals with disabilities in society and increased attention to preventing the bullying or harassment of students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the goals further stress encouragement to individuals with disabilities to develop self-esteem, obtain postsecondary education, enter the workforce and contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools endorses a collaborative educational effort of this nature within the Broward community; and

WHEREAS, such collaboration sends a unified message of opportunity and inclusion throughout the state of Florida and contributes positively to improving outcomes for individuals with disabilities,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support of the intent of Disability History & Awareness Weeks to be celebrated in

October 2016

And urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-14

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT
AWARENESS MONTH - OCTOBER 2016**

WHEREAS, in 1986, The Governor's Alliance for Employment of Disabled Citizens, Inc., was formed; and

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities represent the largest segment of workers who are unemployed; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been enacted at state and federal levels to make employment and discrimination against persons with disabilities illegal; and

WHEREAS, in its eleventh year, the Florida Governor's Alliance for Employment of Disabled Citizens continues to strive to increase the employment opportunity for Floridians with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's private and public sector workforce is enhanced by the diversity of its employees with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the coordinated efforts of employers, job placement service providers and consumer action groups are the catalysts for expediting employment for Floridians with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, October has been declared National Disability Awareness Month to honor outstanding employees with disabilities, employers of persons with disabilities, and programs which serve as a bridge between employers and jobs-seekers with disabling conditions; and

WHEREAS, Florida residents are urged to recognize and celebrate the employment contributions of persons with disabilities and to energize their commitment to building and being a strong, diverse labor force;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the other governmental bodies, agencies, organizations, and businesses, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of **Disability Employment Awareness Month** to be celebrated in

OCTOBER 2016

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17 - 15

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH ACROSS
BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, according to the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS), approximately one in every 691 children is born in the United States with Down syndrome, the most common chromosomal condition, representing approximately 6,000 births per year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Health, approximately one in every 796 children is born with Down syndrome in Florida; and

WHEREAS, there are over 400,000 people living with Down syndrome in the United States who are active participants in educational, occupational, social and recreational circles in our communities; and

WHEREAS, despite research and early intervention that have resulted in dramatic improvements in the lifespan and potential of those with Down syndrome, more investigation is needed into the causes and treatment of Down syndrome, and ways to improve quality of life; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome should have equal opportunity to reach their fullest potential, be included in their communities, take pride in their achievements and aspire to fulfill their hopes and dreams; and

WHEREAS, since the 1980s, the President of the United States has proclaimed the month of October to be "National Down Syndrome Awareness Month" to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the National Down Syndrome Awareness Month for the month of October across all Broward County Schools will provide the opportunity for students and the public to raise awareness about Down syndrome and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of people with Down syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as:

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

and encourage our citizens to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th Day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-16

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
DIVERSITY AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2016**

WHEREAS, the success of any organization is contingent upon a setting where the administration encourages an organization which serves, appreciates, respects and values the variety of differences that exist in a shared community; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in its belief statements outlined that diversity should be promoted so that isolation of racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups is avoided; the full benefits of integration are achieved; and education is enhanced in a diverse, inclusive setting; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida believes that educational equity should be promoted to ensure equitable opportunities and resources to meet the needs of all students; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County, Florida actively seeks to promote diversity as an integral part of excellence; and discourages discrimination based on age, race, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, religion, socioeconomic status, sex, sexual orientation and other factors which deny the essential humanity of all people; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida emphasizes the benefits of elevating the performance of the organization by respecting, celebrating and embracing the collective mixture of differences and similarities of our students and employees; and

WHEREAS, our behaviors will demonstrate open communication, seeking opportunities to learn, recognize and reward actions that promote acceptance while suspending judgment; and a variety of diversity of inclusion initiatives will be conducted which will highlight these behaviors; and

WHEREAS, inclusion in the The School Board of Broward County, Florida also means a welcoming, inclusive, open learning and work environment that delivers excellent service and creates a more vibrant and inviting community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida hereby declares its support of:

**DIVERSITY AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2016**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-17

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
LGBT HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2016**

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Americans have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of American society; and

WHEREAS, LGBT History Month was created in 1994 by a high school history teacher in Missouri called Rodney Wilson; and

WHEREAS, encompassing a number of historically important days, this October is set to remind both the LGBT and wider communities of important roles LGBT people have taken in creating the social, legal and political worlds we live in today; and

WHEREAS, all people are created equal and deserve the same rights, privileges, and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this month, as we recognize the immeasurable contributions of LGBT Americans, we renew our commitment to the struggle for equal rights for LGBT students and staff, and we are committed to academic success of all youth and to removing barriers to that end; and we believe that LGBT youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2013 GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network) National School Climate Survey, 8 out of 10 LGBT students report verbal, sexual or physical harassment at school and approximately 30% report missing at least a day of school in the past month out of fear for their personal safety; and

WHEREAS, LGBT educators, students and families should be supported to live an affirmative life with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has taken appropriate measures to address LGBT bullying and harassment and educational equity in general through Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9, Policy 1.5-Diversity Committee and through the Non-Discrimination Policy 4001.1; and

WHEREAS, a wide variety of community-based organizations and community leaders have partnered with The School Board of Broward County to educate, support and provide resources to promote safe learning environments for all students and families; and

WHEREAS, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students are encouraged to take part in LGBT History Month in any way that is most positive and uplifting to their schools and communities; and to coordinate efforts to highlight exemplary role models from the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida appreciates and recognizes the importance of LGBT History Month as an effective means of educating and calling to action the citizens of Broward County to work together to promote equal protection of all Broward County students and staff, regardless of sexual orientation, gender expression or gender identity

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida hereby declares its support of:

**OCTOBER 2016
LGBT HISTORY MONTH**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-18

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS WEEK
OCTOBER 17 THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2016**

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools is committed to ensuring all students graduate college and/or career ready and has identified postsecondary readiness and success as a priority in its Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, in this context "college ready" means a graduate is likely to successfully complete college on-time, and "career ready" means a graduate is likely to be successful moving into a pathway and earning an industry certification that will prepare him/her for a specific job, such as entering into an internship, apprenticeship program or entry level job; and

WHEREAS, students are engaged in a world that was hard to imagine a decade ago and need to be prepared with 21st century skills to participate in a future that they will help create; and

WHEREAS, all students are expected to receive personalized guidance and develop a plan for achieving postsecondary opportunities after graduation; and

WHEREAS, preparation for colleges and careers also requires students to acquire social and emotional skills that prepare them for life beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, systemic barriers to students pursuing postsecondary options must be eliminated to allow for maximum opportunities for students; and

WHEREAS, Florida's PK-12 schools, postsecondary education systems, businesses, and community-based partners must work together to help students and families understand that postsecondary education is an attainable and financially viable goal and that the future economic well-being of students is tied to education beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools has made significant investments in resources to ensure that all students are well prepared for their lives after completing high school.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida declares and proclaims

October 17 - October 21, 2016

College & Career Readiness Week

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-19

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK
OCTOBER 17 – OCTOBER 23, 2016**

WHEREAS, National Chemistry Week supports the significant contribution of the science of chemistry and the awareness of the importance of chemistry to everyday life; and

WHEREAS, The American Chemical Society coordinates the week each year as a community-based program with businesses, colleges and universities, K-12 schools, and the community; and

WHEREAS, more than 96% of all manufactured goods are directly touched by the business of chemistry, making this an essential part of the economy; and

WHEREAS, this year the theme is "Solving Mysteries Through Chemistry", showcasing the chemistry of forensics; and

WHEREAS, National Chemistry Week can inform students, teachers, parents, and the general public about the role chemistry plays in enabling innovation in all science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines; and

WHEREAS, providing all students the opportunity to participate in hands-on chemistry and study its applications builds awareness of the importance of chemistry to everyday life; and

WHEREAS, October 23 is designated National Mole Day to commemorate the importance of the mole, the basic measuring unit in chemistry; and

WHEREAS, the week of October 17, in honor of National Mole Day, is designated as "National Chemistry Week":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the American Chemical Society, hereby declares and proclaims

October 17 – 23, 2016

NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-20

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
JUMPSTART'S NATIONAL READ FOR THE RECORD DAY
OCTOBER 27, 2016**

WHEREAS, supporting the mission of the Jumpstart campaign for National Read for the Record Day on Tuesday, October 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jumpstart's mission is to work towards the day that every child in America enters kindergarten prepared to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Jumpstart's annual Read for the Record is one time of the year when millions of individuals come together to celebrate literacy and bring vital attention to the importance of high-quality early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, since the launch in 2006, more than nine million people have joined local Read for the Record reading celebrations and Jumpstart has raised more than \$8 million to support its year-round work in preschools in low-income neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2016 people across the nation will read the children's book *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich*, by Julia Sarcone-Roach, as part of the world's largest shared reading experience.

WHEREAS, multiple partners throughout Broward County join together with Broward County Schools to supply books and support Read for the Record day festivities, guest readers, book distribution sites, and family connections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that early childhood settings throughout Broward County, Florida, will join millions around the nation on October 27, 2016 in celebration of

"National Read for the Record Day"

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-21

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 23 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2016**

WHEREAS, this great nation has been plagued by the numerous problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and hope lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to create a drug-free environment; and

WHEREAS, local leaders in government, schools, business, and the community know the support of the people in the neighborhoods is the most effective weapon they can use in their efforts to reduce the demand for illegal drugs and drive away the supply; and

WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Campaign has been established by the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth to help create awareness of the drug problems facing every community, and to develop parent and community teams to combat illegal drugs and to promote drug-free lifestyles for the nation's youth; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign designed to promote drug awareness, drug prevention, and drug education programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, in promoting healthy, positive, alternative lifestyles choice, our schools offer scheduled substance awareness programs at each level, utilizing an interdisciplinary approach; and

WHEREAS, from October 23 through October 31, 2016, our schools will provide special substance education and activities for all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parent groups, and location, state and national organizations, hereby declares its support of

**NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 23 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2016**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents, and community leaders to join in this effort to achieve a drug-free America.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-22

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL FRENCH LANGUAGE WEEK
NOVEMBER 4 - 10, 2016**

WHEREAS, our boundaries have been extended beyond the borders of our nation - they consist of every corner of the globe; and

WHEREAS, in the study of World Languages people have an immediate bridge to international understanding and cooperation with global society; and

WHEREAS, the study of the French language and culture by generations of American youth has fostered greater understanding of and appreciation for the people and cultures of France and the French-speaking world; and

WHEREAS, the success of achieving these lofty goals is mankind's insurance policy for the future; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to foster mutual respect and understanding of the French language and culture, a special time has been designated for all people to join forces in recognizing the importance of the French language and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with others throughout this state and nation, hereby extends its support for the celebration of

**NATIONAL FRENCH LANGUAGE WEEK
NOVEMBER 4 - 10, 2016**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-23

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
NOVEMBER 7 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

WHEREAS, school bullying, harassment and intimidation greatly reduce a student's ability to both achieve and surpass academic standards, it can directly affect health and well-being, thus contribute to excessive absences, physical illness, mental and emotional anguish, long term social and mental consequences; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take physical, verbal, and written forms, including use of electronic media; and

WHEREAS, bullying can have a devastating impact on psychological well-being and is a relentless attack on the soul; and

WHEREAS, bullying has been connected to increased youth and teenage suicide, also known as "bullycide"; and

WHEREAS, incidents of reported school-related bullying in the state and throughout the nation are ample evidence of the need for intervention; and

WHEREAS, workplace bullying amongst employees, employers and parents, increase rates of absenteeism, is contrary to maintaining health, safety and well being of those targeted; and

WHEREAS, bullying can cause stress for individuals and create poor morale within the workplace, furthermore, is ethically and morally unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, it is within the goals of the Broward County School District to provide a healthy, positive and safe learning and working environment for all of the children and adults in our schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parent groups, community liaisons and local officials, hereby declares its support of

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
NOVEMBER 7 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners and community leaders to join in this effort to achieve an environment in the school/workplace that is free from bullying.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-24

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WEEK
NOVEMBER 13-19, 2016**

WHEREAS, family engagement in a student's life has been identified as a significant predictor of student success; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the School Board of Broward County, Florida to increase student achievement. Research has shown a direct correlation between family/community engagement and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, family and school partnerships, defined by Florida State Statutes as each district school board, school district superintendent, and teacher shall fully support and cooperate in implementing a well-planned, inclusive, and comprehensive program to assist parents and families in effectively participating in their child's education (F.S. 1002.23); and

WHEREAS, when schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County has created the Office of Family and Community Engagement to work collaboratively with families, community members, schools, and other departments throughout Broward Schools to ensure student success; and

WHEREAS, ensuring and monitoring family and community engagement is the responsibility of all stakeholder groups in Broward County, Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares

November 13-19, 2016 as Family and Community Engagement Week

and urges everyone within its jurisdiction and under its authority to join in this annual observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

Attest: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-25

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK
NOVEMBER 14 THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2016**

WHEREAS, all children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education in safe and healthy learning environments that help to develop their sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health; and

WHEREAS, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, school safety, and supporting culturally diverse student populations; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are specially trained to deliver a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning as well as individual strengths; utilize data-based decision-making; implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies; evaluate outcomes; and improve accountability; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are the school-based experts in children's learning and psychological development who work with educators and parents to improve our schools and ensure that students have safe, supportive, and healthy learning environments to assist them in reaching their full potential; and

WHEREAS, school psychology week calls attention to the commitment of school psychologists to helping parents and educators foster healthy child development by enhancing the total environment in which children learn and grow.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in connection with the Broward Association of School Psychologists, hereby declares its support of

**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK
NOVEMBER 14 THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2016**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents, and community leaders to recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our children.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17 - 26

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
November 14 - 18, 2016**

WHEREAS, American Education Week was first observed in 1921. The purpose of this observance was to sensitize the American public to the need to improve the quality of education; and

WHEREAS, American Education Week is sponsored nationally by the American Association of School Administrators, the National Education Association, the National School Boards Association, the American Legion, and the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the strength of this country resides in the free and equal education concept which is an American tradition. This concept supports the fact that the students of today will be this country's future leaders; as such, they must be prepared for a knowledge-based, technologically rich, and culturally diverse 21st century; and

WHEREAS, American Education Week is our nation's annual salute to the public schools. Hence, this is an opportune time for the entire community to recognize and honor the principals, teachers, support staff members, parents, volunteers and others for the guidance, instruction, assistance, and training they are providing for students;

WHEREAS, over 2500 members represented by the Broward Teachers Union are classified as Education Support Professionals; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County has demonstrated its commitment to Education Support Professionals and their important contributions to our students; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will help to direct the development of appropriate programs to keep Education Support Professionals priorities front and center in the District; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County will work to seek legislation and provide recognition for Education Support Professionals as highly qualified professionals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with this state and nation, hereby celebrates Education Support Professionals and declares

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK - NOVEMBER 14 - 18, 2016

and supports the American Education Week Theme:

"Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that every facility within the jurisdiction of the School Board of Broward County, Florida, is hereby urged to support American Education Week and share in this observance with the entire community.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-27

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, children who have had a loved one die, especially a friend or close family member, can carry that loss with them forever, causing confusion and fearfulness as they struggle to understand why their loved one was taken away, and

WHEREAS, many trained professionals working at dedicated children's grief centers throughout the state offer bereavement counseling to children and their families, and;

WHEREAS, such counseling provides emotional support for children struggling with grief, allowing them to find guidance and understanding during an extremely difficult time, and;

WHEREAS, the State of Florida House District 96 has recognized November 17, 2016, as Children's Grief Awareness Day, and;

WHEREAS, Tomorrow's Rainbow, Inc. is a special place in Broward County, Florida for children that have experienced the death of a loved one, and;

WHEREAS, by incorporating miniature horse interactions with therapeutic play areas and facilitated peer support, Tomorrow's Rainbow provides a safe place where children are given the tools necessary to take their own personal grief journey in a way that is meaningful and to feel, often for the first time, understood, and;

WHEREAS, the mission of Tomorrow's Rainbow is to provide grieving children, teens and their families an emotionally safe environment for hope and healing through guidance, education and support, and;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2016 students and employees of Broward County Public Schools are encouraged to wear blue in an effort to raise awareness and show support for mournful children and the grief centers that seek to serve those young people confounded by the reality of death.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby recognizes **TOMORROW'S RAINBOW, INC.** for its excellence as a premier resource for grieving children, teens and their families and does officially proclaim November 17, 2016, as **CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY** and urges all schools, centers and departments and the entire community to join in this observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

NO. 17-28

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NOVEMBER 19, 2016 AS NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

Expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to find permanent, loving families for children in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, both National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month occur in the month of November; and

WHEREAS, every day, loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption; and

WHEREAS, over 50% of adoptions in Florida are by a child's former foster parent or other non-relative; and

WHEREAS, over one third of adoptions are completed by single parents; and

WHEREAS, the median length of stay for a child in Broward awaiting adoption is nearly 2 years; and

WHEREAS, for the children in Broward County currently waiting for a loving family in which they are nurtured, comforted, and protected, the wait seems endless; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, supports the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day; and recognizes that every child should have a permanent and loving family; and encourages the people of Broward County to consider adoption during the month of November and all throughout the year, hereby declares

November 19, 2016 as National Adoption Day

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

Attest: _____

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-29

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER, 2016**

WHEREAS, the contributions of Native Americans have made to the foundation of the United States are significant and continue today;

WHEREAS, Native Americans were the first to live on this land and their values and traditions have inspired, and continue to inspire, the ideals of self-governance and determination that are the framework of our nation;

WHEREAS, Native Americans have suffered unfortunate chapters of violence, discrimination, forced assimilation and deprivation, and have long suffered the effects of forced geographical isolation and injustice;

WHEREAS, Native American tribes, such as the Tequesta and Calusa Tribes have inhabited South Florida for thousands of years, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida for hundreds of years;

WHEREAS, Seminole tribal members are students in Broward County Public Schools, and contribute to the diversity within our student population, representing over 200 countries, speaking over 180 different languages;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida in conjunction with others throughout this state, hereby extends in support for the celebration of

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER, 2016**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

17-30

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NOVEMBER
AS NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2007, both the United States House and the Senate passed a resolution declaring November, National Homeless Youth Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Education, during the 2013-2014 school year, public schools identified more than 1.3 million homeless children and youths; a 7 % increase over the previous year and 100% increase since 2007; and

WHEREAS, the number of unaccompanied homeless youths (not in the custody of a parent or guardian) identified by schools has more than doubled to nearly 100,000 students nationally; and

WHEREAS, over 73,000 school-aged children and youths were identified as homeless in the state of Florida during the 14-15 school year; and

WHEREAS, in Broward County Schools, 2285 students were identified as homeless during the 15-16 school year of which 2% attended pre-school; 18% attended middle school, 29% attended high school and 51% attended elementary school; and

WHEREAS, of the 2,285 homeless students, 1% were awaiting foster care; 2% were unsheltered; 10% resided in motels and hotels; 23% resided in temporary shelters; and 64% resided doubled-up out of economic necessity or similar situation; and

WHEREAS, youths of color and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) are disproportionately represented in this population; and

WHEREAS, youths experiencing homelessness are 87% more likely to drop out of school; and

WHEREAS, the future well-being of our schools and greater community depends on the value we place on our youth and in particular our actions to remove barriers in order to provide these most vulnerable young people with a world class education to acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to break the strongholds of poverty of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Broward Schools' Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team (HEART) endeavors to increase identification of homeless children and youth (PreK-12) by educating District and school-based staff, both public and charter, and our community at large regarding the McKinney-Vento Act's definition of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, HEART seeks to empower homeless youth and families through educational advocacy, community referrals and increased emphasis on college and career readiness intended to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, District and school-based staff in partnership with numerous community agencies, organizations and foundations endeavor to remove barriers often faced by homeless youth by advocating for increased programs, goods and services designed to meet the unique physical, educational, social emotional, mental health and housing needs of this vulnerable population so they can develop into healthy and hopeful adults; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County recognizes that youth homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many students and families in Broward County; and



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

17-30

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to educate the public about the many reasons people, especially youth, are hungry and homeless; including the shortage of affordable housing in Broward County for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in partnership with numerous community agencies, organizations and foundations addressing the pervasive issue of homelessness declares

November 2016 as Homeless Youth Awareness Month

and urges everyone within its jurisdiction and under its authority to join in this annual observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16TH day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

Attest: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

17-31
No. _____

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2016**

WHEREAS, 30 million U.S. Adults have Diabetes and one out of four do not know they have it; and

WHEREAS, at least one out three people will develop Diabetes in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, an estimated annual cost of diagnosed diabetes is \$245 billion, representing a 41% increase over a five year period; and

WHEREAS, the risk of death for adults with Diabetes is 50% higher than adults without diabetes; and

WHEREAS, approximately 208,000 young people under the age of 20 are estimated to have diagnosed Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association priorities for 2016 include: Safe at School program to ensure students with diabetes are medically safe and have access to the same educational opportunities as their peers without diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association priorities for 2016 include: Legislation and regulation to focus on permitting students who are able to do so, to self-manage their disease and ensure trained school personnel are available to perform routine and emergency diabetes care tasks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of Diabetes Awareness and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

**DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER, 2016**

Given at Fort Lauderdale this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-32

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WORLD AIDS DAY
December 1, 2016**

WHEREAS, according to estimates from the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS, there are now over 35 million people throughout the world living with HIV, including 3.2 million children under the age of 15; and

WHEREAS, HIV is a threat to men, women and children on all continents around the world and is the leading cause of mortality among women of reproductive age; and

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, Florida ranks 1st in the nation for number of newly diagnosed HIV infection cases in 2013; Fort Lauderdale Division ranks 2nd among MSAs/Divisions (metropolitan statistical areas) with the highest HIV infection case rates diagnosed in 2013; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Health, 106,335 Floridians are living with HIV/AIDS, Broward County is the home to 17,248 people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, over 5,821 people were reported to be newly infected with HIV in Florida; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Health, Florida ranks second in the number of pediatric AIDS cases; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County, Florida recognizes the significant local impact with 702 youth between the ages of 0 and 24 are living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day was established in 1988 after a summit of health ministers from around the world called for a spirit of social tolerance and a greater exchange of information on HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1 and provides an opportunity for individuals and communities to take action and help educate on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has joined other agencies and community leaders in an effort to increase awareness, provide education about HIV/AIDS and demonstrate compassion for those affected by HIV

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with the Broward County Health Department, parent groups, and other local, state and national organizations, hereby declares its support of

**WORLD AIDS DAY
DECEMBER 1, 2016**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents and community leaders to support this day and participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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ATTEST: _____
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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-33

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK – DECEMBER 2016**

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools is committed to providing an education in schools and classrooms that are welcoming and capable of educating all children; and

WHEREAS, EDUCATORS of Broward County Public Schools recognize that EACH CHILD is UNIQUE, LEARNS DIFFERENTLY, and, therefore, LEARNS BETTER if teaching is TAILORED TO THEIR ABILITIES and INTERESTS; and

WHEREAS, EDUCATORS and FAMILIES of Broward County Public Schools have been working hard to ensure that our classrooms and schools are characterized as being high performing and inclusive; and

WHEREAS, by their efforts to make our schools and classrooms high performing and inclusive, the EDUCATORS and FAMILIES of Broward County Public Schools have contributed significantly to building a stronger and more inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, EDUCATORS and FAMILIES of Broward County Public Schools deserve to celebrate their successes and wish to reflect on how they might even further improve;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Broward County Public Schools join with the Inclusive Schools Network, EDC, and schools, districts, and communities around the world in declaring the week of December 5-9, 2016, as **INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK™** and encourage schools and classrooms across Broward County to sponsor appropriate learning and community-building activities in its recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support of the intent of Inclusive Schools Week to be celebrated in

December 2016

and urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-34

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL COMPUTER
SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK
DECEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 11, 2016**

WHEREAS, National Computer Science Education Week supports the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools; and

WHEREAS, computing technology is transforming how people interact with each other and the world around them; and

WHEREAS, computer science innovation is creating new careers and supporting established economic sectors; and

WHEREAS, there is an exponential projected job growth in computing-related careers in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, National Computer Science Education Week can inform students, teachers, parents, and the general public about the role computer science plays in enabling innovation in all science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines; and

WHEREAS, providing all students the opportunity to participate in an hour introduction to computer science and programming exposes them to the opportunities and critical thinking skills for success in school; and

WHEREAS, Grace Hopper, one of the first females in the field of computer science, was a pioneer in the field; and

WHEREAS, the week of December 9, in honor of Grace Hopper's birthday, is designated as "National Computer Science Education Week":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the Computer Science Teachers Association, hereby declares and proclaims

December 5 – 11, 2016

NATIONAL COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-35

**BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RECOGNIZES
2017 NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH**

WHEREAS, the superintendent acknowledges that mentoring is beneficial in that it encourages educational attainment, reduces juvenile delinquency, improves life outcomes, and strengthens communities and has designated the Equity and Academic Attainment Department to lead the district's mentoring initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools is committed to closing the mentoring gap that exists for many students in need of meaningful connections with adults outside of their homes by promoting the establishment and expansion of quality mentoring programs throughout the district to equip young people with the tools needed to lead healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring, recognize the dedicated individuals and the community and faith-based organizations who support mentoring and encourage more citizens to help build a brighter future for Broward County's youth through mentoring; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combatting school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration, and truancy; and

WHEREAS, research shows that young people who were at risk for not completing high school but were matched with a mentor had better school attendance and were 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college, more than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team, and 78 percent more likely to volunteer in their communities; and

WHEREAS youth development experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, proclaims January 2017 as National Mentoring Month, and call upon the people of Broward County to recognize the importance of mentoring to improve the lives of all students with emphasis on young men of color, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in Broward County Public Schools, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-36

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY MONTH
JANUARY 2017**

WHEREAS, among the myriad of ethnic groups that have passed through Florida since 1513, Jews are notable for remaining in the state and retaining and asserting their ethnic identity; and

WHEREAS, like other ethnic groups, Jews have actively participated in shaping the destiny of Broward County by bringing their visions for freedom and democracy and their creativity, thus leaving their footprints across the county and the state; and

WHEREAS, Florida Jewish History Month is a time to focus on the tremendous contributions Broward Jews have made in every area of the development of the county;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida in conjunction with others throughout this state, hereby extends its support for the celebration of

**FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY MONTH
JANUARY 2017**

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to support this observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-37

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NO NAME-CALLING WEEK
JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2017**

WHEREAS, violence, disrespect and bullying have become serious problems in our communities and society at-large with great implications for the well-being and future of our children; and

WHEREAS, name-calling is a key component of bullying and violence escalation; and

WHEREAS, it has been researched and proven a climate of safety and respect within the home and school is essential for students' academic achievement and overall health; and

WHEREAS, local leaders in government, business and the community in collaboration with Broward County Public Schools personnel have the ability to work towards the elimination of name-calling, bullying and disrespect, as well as overall student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools, Florida in coordination with numerous national and local partners, has joined in the support of No Name-Calling Week as an annual week of educational activities; and

WHEREAS, No Name-Calling Week is aimed at ending name-calling and bullying of all kinds, while providing schools with the tools, resources and inspiration to launch an ongoing campaign to eliminate name-calling and bullying in our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parent groups and local, state and national organizations, hereby declares its support of

**NO NAME-CALLING WEEK
JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2017**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents and community leaders to join in this effort to create a safer and a more respectful society.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

17-38

No. _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK, FLORIDA!

January 23-27, 2017

Whereas, Just Read, Florida! promotes literacy throughout the state by state by raising awareness of the programs and projects offered by the Florida Department of Education and its partner agencies and organizations; and

Whereas, January 23 - 27, 2017 has been designated as "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!" by the Just Read, Florida! Office in the Florida Department of Education; and

Whereas, the Florida Literacy Coaches Association (FLCA) proposed the idea of celebrated literacy in Florida with a week dedicated to this purpose; and

Whereas, The Just Read, Florida! Office, along with other representatives from the Florida Department of Education, developed possible activities for students, teachers, and schools centered on the theme of celebrating literacy; and

Whereas, Community partners have joined FLCA, the Florida Department of Education and Just Read, Florida! to promote literacy in our state; and

Whereas, schools across the state are participating in a contest to develop a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to promote and celebrate literacy in the state of Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of

January 23 - 27, 2017

CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK, FLORIDA

and urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction and the Broward County community to participate in the celebration of literacy.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-39

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY
JANUARY 11, 2017**

WHEREAS, liberty and human rights are fundamental principles of the United States; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is modern day slavery exercised through forced labor, debt bondage, involuntary servitude, forced marriage, and commercial sexual exploitation of men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, the United States is one of the top three destination countries to which victims are trafficked into modern-day slavery, with South Florida being a main point of entry; and

WHEREAS, trafficking can involve school-age children, particularly those not living with their parents, who are vulnerable to coerced labor exploitation, domestic servitude, or commercial sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, human traffickers use many physical and psychological techniques to control their victims, including violence or threats of violence, isolation, confiscation of identification documents, and threats of deportation or imprisonment if the victim attempts to reach out for assistance or escape; and

WHEREAS, to combat human trafficking, the people of Broward County must be aware of the horrors of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Broward County schools has partnered with numerous community agencies to end human trafficking by educating and increasing awareness through the use of human trafficking prevention and intervention programming and curriculum; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares its support of

**JANUARY 11, 2017
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY**

and urges and encourages all students, teachers and staff, schools, departments, groups, business partners, and community leaders to help raise awareness about and combat the crime of human trafficking by participating in prevention messaging activities which can be found at the website BrowardPrevention.org.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-40

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION WEEK
JANUARY 27, 2017 – FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

WHEREAS, Chinese New Year Celebration Week supports the awareness of Chinese Language, Culture and Traditions; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese New Year is on January 28, 2017, the Year of the Rooster; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools offer Chinese Language instruction in five high schools, one middle school and one elementary school; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools is in partnership with College Board and Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) to promote Chinese Language and Culture throughout the District:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with College Board and Confucius Institute Headquarters, hereby declares and proclaims

January 27, 2017 – February 2, 2017

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION WEEK

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-41

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK
FEBRUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2017**

WHEREAS, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to college and career awareness, development and readiness; and

WHEREAS, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children; and

WHEREAS, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

WHEREAS, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive and developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the education process that enables all students to achieve success in school;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the American School Counselor Association, hereby declares and proclaims

February 6 - February 10, 2017

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-42

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
SCHOOL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH
IN
BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
February 1 - 28, 2017**

WHEREAS, citizens from all walks of life are giving gifts of their time, talents and resources, which are essential to the educational process in Broward County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, working under the guidance of teachers and administrators, community members, including parents, business and community partners, mentors, retired and senior residents, governmental agencies and student community service volunteers, is of valuable assistance in providing students with the individualized attention that is so essential to their education; and

WHEREAS, members of volunteer organizations and educational committees, including but not limited to, Parent Teacher Association (PTA-PTSA), School Advisory Councils (SAC), School Advisory Forums (SAF), District Advisory Council (DAC), Area Advisory Councils (AAC), Title I Executive Parent Advisory Council (EPAC), Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Advisory Council, Gifted and Talented Advisory Council (GTAC), Parent and Community Involvement Task Force (PCITF), as well as the many specific focus advisory committees, clubs and organizations provide a basis for a continuing commitment to school improvement by increasing the involvement of the community in the classrooms and schools of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, during the 2015-2016 school year, more than 24,720 active school volunteers of various ages, interests and backgrounds donated nearly 466,327 documented hours to the extension and enrichment of the education of our youth; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida acknowledges the importance of the contribution made by volunteers by proclaiming February as Florida School Volunteer Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Broward County, Florida wishes to recognize the value and dedication of those who aid in guiding the education of our students by proclaiming the Month of February as

School Volunteer Appreciation Month

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to convey their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the valuable contributions made by the community.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-43

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY
FEBRUARY 3, 2017**

- WHEREAS**, heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States; and
- WHEREAS**, heart disease claims the lives of nearly 500,000 American women each year; and
- WHEREAS**, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, diabetes, an inactive lifestyle, obesity and smoking all contribute to disability and/or heart attack; and
- WHEREAS**, 80 percent of cardiac events in women could be prevented, if women made the right choices for their hearts involving diet, exercise and abstinence from smoking; and
- WHEREAS**, many have dismissed heart disease as an “older man’s disease”; and
- WHEREAS**, to dispel the myths and raise awareness of heart disease as the number one killer of women, the American Heart Association created *Go Red for Women* – a passionate, emotional, social initiative designed to empower women to take charge of their heart health; and
- WHEREAS**, the Red Dress is a red alert to take heart disease seriously; and
- WHEREAS**, Go Red for Women encourages awareness of the issue of women and heart disease, and also action to save more lives; and
- WHEREAS**, the movement harnesses the energy, passion and power women have to band together and collectively wipe out heart disease and stroke; and
- WHEREAS**, in 2010, the American Heart Association set a strategic goal of reducing death and disability from cardiovascular disease and strokes by 20%, while improving **the cardiovascular health of all Americans** by 20% by the year 2020; and
- WHEREAS**, the American Heart Association uses all revenues from local and National Go Red for Women activities to support awareness, research, education and community programs to benefit women.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida declares its support of

**NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY
FEBRUARY 3, 2017**

Given in Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-44

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH
FEBRUARY 2017 and
FEBRUARY 13 – 17, 2017 as RESPECT WEEK**

WHEREAS, approximately 8.8 million children witness domestic violence each year. Children who have witnessed violence at home are also five times more likely to commit or suffer violence when they become older, 89% of teens between the ages of thirteen and eighteen say they have been in dating relationships and only half of all tweens (ages 11-14) claim to know the warning signs of a bad/hurtful relationship. One in three teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner. 42% of boys and 43% of girls say the abuse occurs in a school building or on school grounds. And, if trapped in an abusive relationship, 73% of teens said they would turn to a friend for help; but only 33% who have been in or known about an abusive relationship said they have told anyone about it; and,

WHEREAS, many teens living with dating violence do so in silence. Their silence is due to fear. As a community, we must not be silent on this issue and must actively promote dating violence awareness in addition to supporting and promoting programs offering vital prevention and assistance services to our community; and

WHEREAS, Broward County schools has partnered with numerous community agencies to create support and dating violence prevention programming within Broward County schools as well as curriculum to support these efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares **FEBRUARY 2017** as

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH
And declares
FEBRUARY 13 – 17, 2017 as RESPECT WEEK**

and urges and encourages all students, teachers and staff to help raise awareness about dating violence and prevention of dating violence by participating in prevention messaging activities which can be found at the website BrowardPrevention.org.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-45

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENGINEERS WEEK
FEBRUARY 19 – FEBRUARY 25, 2017**

WHEREAS, Engineers use their scientific and technical knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society's needs; and

WHEREAS, Engineers face the major technological challenges of our time – from rebuilding towns devastated by natural disaster, cleaning up the environment, and assuring safe, clean, and efficient sources of energy, to designing information systems that will speed our country into the future; and

WHEREAS, Engineers are encouraging our young math and science students to realize the practical power of their knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Society will look more than ever to engineers and their knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, Engineers Week can inform students, teachers, parents, and the general public about the role engineering plays in enabling innovation in all science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools is committed to providing opportunities for all students to apply learning and problem-solving using engineering practices; and

WHEREAS, the week of February 19-25, is designated as "DiscoverE: National Engineers Week":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the National Engineers Week, hereby declares and proclaims

February 19-25, 2017

ENGINEERS WEEK

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-46

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DIGITAL LEARNING DAY FEBRUARY 23, 2017

WHEREAS, "Digital Learning Day" is a national observance sponsored by the Alliance for Excellent Education through the Center for Digital Learning and Policy; and

WHEREAS, "Digital Learning Day" has provided a powerful venue for education leaders to highlight great teaching practice and showcase innovative teachers, leaders and instructional technology programs that are improving student outcomes;

WHEREAS, "Digital Learning Day" encourages all administrators, teachers, librarians, media specialists, principals, parents and community members from public, private, charter, and home school settings to share what they learned; and

WHEREAS, Digital learning encompasses many different facets, tools and applications to support and empower teachers and students in the learning experience; and

WHEREAS, "Digital Learning Day" provides a venue for education leaders to highlight teaching practices, instructional technology programs, educational software and mobile apps that improve student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, "Digital Learning Day" promotes the effective use of modern-day tools afforded to every other industry to improve the learning experience in K-12 public schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares and proclaims February 23, 2017

DIGITAL LEARNING DAY

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-47

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2017**

WHEREAS, Negro History Week originated in 1926 from an idea which was conceived by Carter G. Woodson, a black historian who was known as the 'Father of Black History'; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Negro History Week was to emphasize the significance of the historical experiences of Black Americans—their advancements, struggles triumphs, contributions and successes. During the 1960's, the observance was expanded and became known as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the rich history and heritage of African Americans is documented in the fields of education, medicine, science, music, art, dance, architecture, drama, athletics, entertainment, politics, religion, engineering, technology and many other fields. This rich cultural and historical background has given inspiration and has provided identity for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual observance wherein attention is focused on the significant and numerous achievements of African Americans, their many contributions to the growth and development of this country and their past and current status in this country and the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in conjunction with other organizations and groups throughout the United States, hereby declares and proclaims the month of **February, 2017** as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-48

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
NATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA MONTH
FEBRUARY 2017**

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools established Magnet programs in their district more than 30 years ago to provide equity, access and opportunity for all students; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools currently operates Magnet programs in 55 schools across the district impacting 44,000 students of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups; and

WHEREAS, Magnet programs offer educational excellence consistent with the School Board's Strategic Plan Goals, in order to ensure that all students will achieve at their highest potential, with equitable resources; and

WHEREAS, Magnet programs expand educational choices for students, promote diversity within schools, set high expectations for all students to improve student achievement, prepare students for further education and the world of work, develop positive school climates with academic emphasis, provide real-life and hands-on experiences, offer mentorship and internship opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools Magnet schools have been recognized as National Schools of Excellence and Merit by the Magnet Schools of America; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, recognizes the month of February as National Magnet Schools of America Month and urges all schools, centers, departments, parents, businesses, governmental and community agencies and the entire community to join in this recognition.

FEBRUARY

as

NATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA MONTH

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
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ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-49

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH – MARCH 2017**

WHEREAS, throughout the history of many of the movements and advances of humankind, women have played vital roles in their development. Women have been instrumental in helping to shape and define the various themes in the history of the world; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class and ethnic background have played many significant roles in the various societies throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, in many recorded and unrecorded circumstances, American women have contributed greatly to the forward and positive movement of this country. However, in spite of these numerous contributions and achievements in American history, the role of women has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the aggregate of past events; and

WHEREAS, on the local level, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's History Coalition are providing a valuable service to the community through their purposes and programs. These groups, along with others, are working to expand the focus of history in order for society to gain a better understanding of and a deeper appreciation for the contributions of women to American and world history; and

WHEREAS, within our school system, the contributions and achievements of women are incorporated in our curriculum. This is in keeping with the national and the State of Florida's goal of promoting a more equitable portrayal of women in United States history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the Broward County Women's History Coalition, the Broward County Commission on the Status of Women and other organizations and groups, hereby declares and proclaims the month of **March, 2017** as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction, and all citizens and residents of Broward County to join in this national observance which bears the theme:

“Working To Form A More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service And Government”

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-50

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STEM AWARENESS MONTH
MARCH 1 – MARCH 31, 2017**

WHEREAS, STEM Awareness Month can inform students, teachers, parents, and the general public about the role science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines play in innovation; and

WHEREAS, If Broward Schools students become inspired by STEM at an early age, there is a greater likelihood they will continue to study STEM and enter those fields; and

WHEREAS, STEM education provides lifelong skills that use critical thinking and problems solving; and

WHEREAS, STEM education and applied learning opportunities are important for all students; and

WHEREAS, We will look more than ever to STEM-related careers to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools 30th anniversary SECME STEM Olympiad will be held March 18, 2017 at Blanche Ely High School; and

WHEREAS, The Broward County Science and Engineering Fair awards will be presented in March 2017; and

WHEREAS, the month of March 2017, is designated as "STEM Awareness Month" in Broward County Schools:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares and proclaims

March 1-31, 2017

STEM AWARENESS MONTH

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

17-51

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK MONTH MARCH 2017 AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK MARCH 5-11, 2017

WHEREAS, children are our principal resources; and,

WHEREAS, a vital concern of our school system is to enable our youth to receive an education and grow up to lead productive, satisfying and independent lives; and

WHEREAS, since 1906, school social workers have collaborated with teachers, and other school personnel in advancing the purpose of education; and

WHEREAS, school social workers serve as a link between school, home and community; and

WHEREAS, school social workers combine skill in dealing with people and knowledge of social, cultural and economic issues affecting students and schools; and

WHEREAS, school social workers help students who are at risk of failure because of social and emotional problems, family dysfunctions, drug and alcohol abuse, inadequate financial resources, teen pregnancy, poor attendance, disabling conditions and/or child abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in recognition of the role school social workers play in providing opportunities for maximizing students' performance towards a productive and satisfying life, proclaim March 2017 and the week of March 5-11, 2017 as:

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK MONTH AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK

and urges the entire community to join the School Social Work Association of America, the Florida Association of School Social Workers, The Broward County School Social Work Association, and the Florida Chapter of the National Association of School Social Workers in celebrating this observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

Attest: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-52

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL WORLD LANGUAGES WEEK
MARCH 6 - 10, 2017**

WHEREAS, our boundaries have been extended beyond the borders of our states - they consist of every corner of the globe; and

WHEREAS, many languages and cultures are represented in Broward County which our world languages students strive to understand and learn - from the elementary to the adult level; and

WHEREAS, the study of world languages can be an important bridge to the understanding of other countries and cultures; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to foster mutual respect and understanding, a special time has been designated for all people to join forces in recognizing the importance of world languages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with others throughout this state and nation, hereby extends its support for the celebration of

**WORLD LANGUAGES WEEK
March 6 - 10, 2017**

and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this observance and the theme:

DISCOVERING LANGUAGES; DISCOVERING THE WORLD

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
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ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-53

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST DAY 2017
MARCH 8, 2017**

WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists are the food and nutrition experts who can translate the science of nutrition into practical solutions for healthy living; and

WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists have degrees in nutrition, dietetics, public health or a related field from well-respected, accredited colleges and universities, completed an internship and passed an examination; and

WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists use their nutrition expertise to help individuals make unique, positive lifestyle changes; and

WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists work throughout the community in hospitals, schools, public health clinics, nursing homes, fitness centers, food management, food industry, universities, research and private practice; and

WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists are advocates for advancing the nutritional status of Americans and people around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

As

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day

and urges all parents, students, and staff members to recognize the contributions of Registered Dietitian Nutritionists and express appreciation for their commitment to promoting science-based nutrition in the hope of achieving optimum health for both today and tomorrow.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:

Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST:

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-54

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
MARCH 6 THROUGH MARCH 10, 2017**

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program has served our nation admirably since it was permanently established in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program joins and has been joined through the years by many other excellent child nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of

March 6 through March 10, 2017

As

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

and urges all parents, students, and staff members to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:

Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST:

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-55

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL PI DAY
MARCH 14, 2017**

WHEREAS, National Pi Day supports the increased understanding of the symbol (π) and its meaning; and

WHEREAS, Pi, an irrational number, represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter; and

WHEREAS, Pi is a recurring constant that has been studied throughout history and is central in mathematics as well as science and engineering; and

WHEREAS, The symbol Pi has been used regularly in its mathematical sense only for the past 250 years; and

WHEREAS, Albert Einstein was born on Pi Day in 1879; and

WHEREAS, Pi has about 6.4 billion known digits which would take a person roughly 133 years to recite without stopping; and

WHEREAS, America needs to reinforce Mathematics and Science education for all students in order to better prepare our children for the future and in order to compete in a 21st Century economy; and

WHEREAS, Mathematics and Science can be a fun and interesting part of a child's education, and learning about Pi can be an engaging way to teach children about geometry and attract them to study Science and Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Mathematics and Science are a critical part of our children's education, and children who perform better in math and science have higher graduation and college attendance rates:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida hereby declares and proclaims

March 14, 2017

NATIONAL PI DAY

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-56

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL
VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK
March 27-31, 2017**

WHEREAS, the state government of Florida has created Florida Statute 98.255 requiring Supervisor of Elections offices to hold voter registration drives to increase voter participation; and

WHEREAS, the state government of Florida has created Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.033 requiring Supervisor of Elections offices to appear in each public high school in the county at least once per year; and

WHEREAS, high school seniors locally and across the country have shown great initiative and promise for America's future; and

WHEREAS, preserving America's democratic foundation has always been demonstrated on election days through our voting rights and responsibilities as citizens; and

WHEREAS, establishing relationships with organizations such as Kids Voting Broward and BCASC (Broward County Association of Student Councils) will increase awareness and participation; and

WHEREAS, youth participation in the voting process is necessary for a stronger voice on issues pertaining to that specific age group; and

WHEREAS, voter registration and education as a proactive approach may strengthen chances for success on election days;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in support of the State of Florida Statutes Section 98.255 and Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.033 hereby declares

March 27-31, 2017

High School Voter Registration Drive Week

and calls for all high schools within its jurisdiction to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-57

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS INCLUDING NEUROCOGNITIVE TESTING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETES

WHEREAS, a concussion is a disturbance in brain function that occurs following either a blow to the head, face, or neck or as a result of the violent shaking of the head or body; and

WHEREAS, a concussion resulting from playing in interscholastic sports may result in the rapid onset of neurological impairment and acute clinical symptoms such as chronic headache, fatigue, mental sluggishness, sleep difficulties, personality changes (e.g. increased irritability), sensitivity to light or noise, dizziness, and coordination difficulties as well as deficits in short term memory, concentration, problem solving, and general academic functioning that reflect a functional neurological disturbance; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of concussion leaves student-athletes vulnerable to conditions such as Second Impact Syndrome, which can result in death or permanent disability, or Post-Concussion Syndrome, which involves thinking, behavioral, and emotional difficulties that can last up to weeks, months, or even years after injury to the brain, should a student-athlete sustain a second concussion prior to the complete resolution of the primary injury; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County implements a series of concussion management protocols designed to prevent and manage concussions including the implementation of baseline and post injury neurocognitive testing; and

WHEREAS, concussion management protocols include:

- Annual pre-participation physical for all student athletes with medical history requirements on head injuries, concussions, severe headaches, tingling in extremities and memory loss,
- Agreements with Broward Health and Memorial Healthcare to provide state/nationally certified athletic trainers at all high schools. Athletic trainers serve as first responders for sports medicine issues including concussions,
- Adhere to Florida High School Athletic Association rule that any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaving consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest or practice and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional,



- All head, paid coaches and student athletes are required to view the online education course, "Concussion in Sports-What you need to know." An affidavit of compliance for the concussion course must be maintained by each high school and signed by the school principal and athletic director,
- Contest officials shall be cognizant of athletes who display signs, symptoms or behaviors of a concussion and immediately stop play for injury evaluation within the rules of the game. Once the patient has been removed from a contest due to a suspected concussion, the coach, athletic trainer and appropriate health care professional shall assume full responsibility for that athlete's evaluation and safety. The national certified athletic trainer will assist with sideline evaluation of a student athlete when the athlete is sent out of a game or practice,
- High school football players must sit out one play if their helmet comes off while the ball is live,
- All student athletes participating in interscholastic sports shall be required as a participating condition to take a baseline neurocognitive test. Neurocognitive tests which are brief, computer-administered, neurocognitive screening devices developed by experts in the field of sport-related concussion, scientifically validated to measure the effects of concussive injuries, and designed to help clinicians evaluate an athlete's recovery following concussion by assessing aspects of an athlete's cognitive functioning such as working memory, sustained and selective attention and reaction time, can be used to help objectively evaluate a concussed athlete's post injury condition and track their recovery for a safe return to play and thereby help to prevent or minimize the cumulative effects of concussion,
- No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of a suspected concussion,
- Any athlete suspected of having a concussion shall be evaluated by an appropriate health care professional,
- Any athlete with a suspected concussion shall be medically cleared by an appropriate health care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition,
- After medical clearance, return to play shall follow a graduated protocol with provisions for delayed return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms,
- Adhere to National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) to annually recondition every football helmet,
- Limit the lifespan of helmets to five years, and destroy all helmets after the five-year period,
- Every student athlete and parent shall be required to read and sign Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Concussions. Such certificate produced by the Florida High School Athletic Association shall educate parents and athletes on signs and symptoms of a concussion and action steps that must be taken; and



WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County supports a comprehensive education campaign to increase awareness about concussion management, including prevention, symptoms and treatment developed with the assistance of Broward Health, Memorial Healthcare, Nova Southeastern, booster clubs and community organizations such as the Daniel Brett Foundation; and

WHEREAS, funding for the neurocognitive testing, called ImPACT, is jointly funded by the Broward County Athletic Association, Nova Southeastern University and Florida Community Bank;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that every high school within the jurisdiction of The School Board of Broward County, Florida shall support awareness and the protocols of concussion management.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-58

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
"A SAFE HAVEN FOR NEWBORNS"**

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed Florida Statute 383.50, *Treatment of Abandoned Newborns*, the Safe Haven Law, in July, 2000. Subsequently, in 2001 the Gloria M. Silverio Foundation, a 501(c)3 Florida not-for-profit organization, started the first major project, "A Safe Haven for Newborns", in response to the tragedy of newborn abandonment in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation started in Miami and today, through public awareness efforts, is in all 67 Florida counties, partnering with the Florida Fire Chiefs Association, Emergency Medical Services, many hospitals and other organizations and agencies throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida law states that a birth parent (mother or father) may anonymously leave an infant approximately three days old or younger, and who does not appear to be abused or neglected, in the hands of staff at a fire station or hospital, letting that person know they are leaving the baby in a "safe haven", without fear of being arrested or charged with abandonment; and

WHEREAS, many hospital emergency rooms, fire stations, and ambulance stations have a sign identifying their building as a "Safe Baby Station"; and

WHEREAS, the lifeline of the organization is the 24/7 statewide multilingual helpline, 1-877-767-BABY (2229), which was initially created to assist young mothers who were considering the "Safe Haven" option or wanted to know more about the law; and the organization has grown into helping pregnant girls/women or mothers in crisis or need covering a wide variety of issues; and the website <http://www.asafehavenfornewborns.com> has been established to assist in accessing information; and

WHEREAS, as of today over 236 babies have been saved from abandonment in the State of Florida; over 5,000 mothers have been assisted in their time of need or crisis; 61 mothers, their anonymity not a concern, chose to place their baby directly with a licensed adoption agency, 5 parents successfully regained their parental rights; and 4 newborns were saved from abandonment in other states, securing their future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with hospitals, fire stations and ambulance stations across the state, hereby supports *Safe Haven for Newborns* and urges all schools, centers and departments to support this statewide endeavor and help spread public awareness.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-59

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL 2017**

WHEREAS, April is Autism Awareness Month, across the United States and beyond, the autism community is celebrating its members and holding special events to raise awareness and funding for research; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month, celebrated every year in April, provides an opportunity for families, friends, and local communities to raise public awareness about autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism affects one in every 68 children in the United States, and is the fastest growing developmental disability according to the recent estimates from the Centers for Disease Control; and

WHEREAS, there are over 4,500 students in Broward County Public Schools with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has deemed it necessary to sustain an Autism Task Force in the State of Florida to target issues specific to those with autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex developmental disability that affects an individual's social interaction and communication. It is known as a spectrum disorder because it affects each individual in different ways and to varying degrees; and

WHEREAS, children and adults with autism tend to have difficulty with verbal and nonverbal communications, social interactions, and leisure or play activities; and

WHEREAS, educating children with autism is a challenge for both parents and teachers. These children are individuals first and foremost with unique strengths and weaknesses; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools support quality educational programs which emphasize communication, socialization, structured and sound academics; and

WHEREAS, April is deemed as a national month of Autism Awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support of the intent of Autism Awareness Month to be celebrated in

April 2017

and urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-60

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH - APRIL 2017

WHEREAS, the quest for knowledge by school students in Florida is stimulated and developed through the use of educational resources and services provided by school library media specialists through library media programs; and

WHEREAS, school library media programs provide access to a wide variety of necessary educational materials such as books, magazines, audio and video materials, as well as digital resources, such as academic databases, as well as the technology needed to utilize these resources; and

WHEREAS, school library media programs provide learning activities designed to enhance reading motivation and establish the information literacy skills necessary for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the full potential of school library media programs is dependent upon trained certified library media specialists whose professional skills assist teachers and students in effectively using this wide range of information resources; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that special recognition be given to school library media programs and the role of school library media specialists in education throughout Broward County public schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares and proclaims the month of **April** as

SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

and encourages all residents to become aware of the contributions made by school library media programs in our schools.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

17-61

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APRIL AS MILITARY CHILD MONTH
APRIL 2017**

WHEREAS, The Military Child Month is a special celebration and a legacy of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and was established to underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces community; and

WHEREAS, According to Military K-12 Partners, today there are more than 1.2 million Military Children, and since 2001 approximately 2 million children have experienced deployment of a parent, and

WHEREAS, Care of Military Children sustains our fighting force, and strengthens the health, security and safety of our nations' families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the repeated and extended separation and increased hazards of deployment compound stressors in the military children's lives; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools, have placed an historical role in recognizing and supporting the educational and social emotional needs of the students/military families in the school setting and the community, especially at the difficult time of deployment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Student Services through the initiative Embracing Military Personnel and Families Program, has been providing support services since 9/11 to hundreds of students/military families including: honoring events of students/military families, tutorial services, participation in deployment events, sending students' art work and care packages to soldiers in deployment, conducting staff development activities (in partnership with The Military Child Education Coalition and the Department of Veterans Affairs) to school social workers, family counselors, community liaisons, and teachers; Broward County Public Schools has been highlighted as an example for other educational systems by the military leadership as well as the community; and

WHEREAS, Because of the continued support and commitment with the students/military families, Broward County Public Schools has proven that we acknowledge and are sensitive to the sacrifices that these students and their families are doing on behalf of the safety of our nation and recognize that they constitute an example of one of the core values of our educational system: CITIZENSHIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares April 2017 as

MILITARY CHILD MONTH

and urges everyone within its jurisdiction and under its authority to join in this annual observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida the 16TH day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

Attest: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-62

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK
APRIL 3 THROUGH APRIL 7, 2017**

WHEREAS, violence and risky behaviors have become a serious problem in our communities and society at large with great implications for the well-being and future of our children; and

WHEREAS, feelings of hurt, frustration, shame or rejection are key components of bullying and violence escalation; and

WHEREAS, it has been researched and proven a climate of safety and respect within the home and school is essential for students' academic achievement and overall health; and

WHEREAS, local leaders in government, business and the community, in collaboration with Broward County School Board personnel, have the ability to work towards the elimination of youth violence and conflict as well the enhancement of inclusive environments conducive to academic success and overall student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools, Florida in coordination with numerous national and local partners, has joined to support National Youth Violence Prevention Week as an annual week of educational activities aimed at preventing or reducing youth violence of all kinds while providing schools with the tools, resources and inspiration to launch an ongoing campaign to eliminate youth violence in our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parent groups, local, state and national organizations, hereby declares its support of

**NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK
APRIL 3 THROUGH APRIL 7, 2017**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents, and community leaders to join in this effort to create a safer and a more respectful society.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-63

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN'S WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
APRIL 17-24, 2017**

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has designated April 17-24 as the 2017 Week of the Young Child;

WHEREAS, The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by NAEYC, the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 80,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates;

WHEREAS, The purpose for the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs;

WHEREAS, NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life;

WHEREAS, The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we, as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation, will better meet the needs of all young children and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that early childhood settings throughout The School Board of Broward County, Florida, will celebrate Week of the Young Child April 17-24, 2017.

"Week of the Young Child"

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-64

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE
APRIL 21, 2017**

WHEREAS, in April 1996, the National Day of Silence was created at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, hundreds of thousands of students from more than 9,000 K-12 schools, colleges and universities organized Day of Silence events. These numbers make the Day of Silence one of the largest student-led actions in the United States. The event has drawn significant attention to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) issues in schools over the years; and

WHEREAS the national focus of the Day of Silence is to help end LGBT bullying and prevent harassment of students, particularly physical violence and verbal threats; and

WHEREAS, according to the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network's (GLSEN) 2013 School Climate Survey, 30% of LGBT students missed at least one day of school in the past month because they felt unsafe or uncomfortable, 85% of students surveyed were verbally harassed (e.g., called names or threatened) in the past year because of their sexual orientation, and 63.9% because of their gender expression; and

WHEREAS, it was also determined a greater number of educators supportive of LGBT students was also associated with higher educational aspiration; and LGBT students in schools with Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) were more likely to feel safe in school than students whose schools do not have a GSA; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida supports the development and expansion of Gay-Straight Alliance Clubs in schools throughout Broward County to nurture and value all identities; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has taken appropriate measures to curtail LGBTQ bullying and harassment in general through the Anti-Bullying Policy of the School Board of Broward County, Florida adopted July 22, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Day of Silence is most effective when schools and students work together to show their commitment to ensure safer schools for all students; and

WHEREAS, there is no single way to participate, and students are encouraged to take part in the way that is most positive and uplifting to their school; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida appreciates and recognizes the importance of the National Day of Silence as an effective tool in the fight for equal protection of all Broward County students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida hereby declares its support of:

**APRIL 21, 2017
National Day of Silence**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-65

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2017**

WHEREAS, Earth Day is commemorated each year on April 22 to recommit to the goals of a healthy environment and peaceful, just and sustainable world; and

WHEREAS, communities around the world will do their part in promoting public awareness on environmental issues by holding special events to focus on protecting our planet; and

WHEREAS, environmental stewardship is an essential part of the science and social studies curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Broward Schools are the first district to be recognized as a National Wildlife Federation District Certified Habitat; and

WHEREAS, Broward Schools is a 2014 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Awardee; and

WHEREAS, Broward Schools, in partnership with Broward County and the Environmental Conservation Organization recognizes and rewards schools for environmental stewardship with the annual P3 EcoChallenge; and

WHEREAS, Broward Schools accepts its responsibility to preserve and protect the environment through education, stewardship and community sustainability; and

WHEREAS, providing all students the opportunity to participate in Earth Day activities and environmental stewardship is an important part of citizenship

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares and proclaims

April 22, 2017

EARTH DAY

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-66

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY (Yom HaShoah)
APRIL 24, 2017**

WHEREAS, prejudice, bigotry, racism and hate have been the cause of conflict, war and mass atrocities throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the Nazi regime was able to exploit severe economic hardships in the aftermath of World War I to foster prejudice and hatred toward a group that had historically been used as scapegoats throughout Europe, culminating in the attempt to exterminate the Jewish population in Europe, widely known as the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, during the Holocaust, at least 11 million people were brutally murdered, at least 6 million of whom were Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, other marginalized groups, such as Soviet prisoners of war, ethnic Poles, children and adults with disabilities, homosexuals, intellectuals and political and religious dissenters were victims of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we and future generations never forget the tragic lessons learned from the organized, government-sponsored mass killings of the Holocaust, especially at Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to remember, honor and emulate those righteous people who risked their lives to save thousands of innocent people during the Holocaust and to learn from their legacy of courage, selflessness and hope; and

WHEREAS, over half a century after the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and the conclusion of World War II, too many of the world's nations have not learned the lessons of the Holocaust, as demonstrated by recent episodes of ethnic cleansing, genocides, crimes against humanity and mass killings in so many parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of families, educators and the many diverse religious communities around the world as well as political leaders, humanitarians, public officials and the media to recognize the Holocaust as both a political and human tragedy and to spread that knowledge to our younger and future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all concerned citizens raise awareness and take action regarding current and potential instances of genocide, organized mass killing, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in connection with parent groups and local organizations, hereby declares its support of

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY (Yom HaShoah)
APRIL 24, 2017**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-68

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY - APRIL 26, 2017

WHEREAS, the position of administrative professional is unique in the realm of organizational roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, in the education profession, administrative professionals have contributed greatly to the overall welfare of the school system; many times, the public's initial contact with the school system is through our administrative professionals; and

WHEREAS, on a daily basis, our administrative professionals take great pride in using their numerous skills which are rooted in human relations, communications, verbal presentations, technical knowledge, use of resources and positive personality traits; and

WHEREAS, the administrative professionals in our school district are to be commended for the professional manner in which they perform their duties; they put forth every effort, individually and collectively, to assure that our educational system will continue to enjoy prosperity and success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other school districts, organizations and agencies across the nation, hereby declares and proclaims

**April 26, 2017 as
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY**

and urges all employees within its jurisdiction and the entire community to join in this observance by expressing grateful appreciation to the administrative professionals for their commitment and dedication to the school system.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-69

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
El Día de los Niños / El día de los Libros
April 30, 2017**

WHEREAS, El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Books Day), commonly known as Día de los Niños, is a celebration of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30; and

WHEREAS, the celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, is an international celebration of childhood and literacy since 1996; and

WHEREAS, celebrates children and connects them to the world of learning through books, stories and libraries; and

WHEREAS, nurtures literacy development in ways that honor and embrace a child's home language and culture; and

WHEREAS, introduces families to community resources that provide opportunities for learning through multiple literacies; and

WHEREAS, recognizes and respect culture, heritage and language as powerful tools for strengthening families and communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares April 30, 2017, as

El Día de los Niños / El Día de los Libros

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

17-70

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH MONTH MAY 2017

WHEREAS, cities and communities across the country are confronted with the issue of one in three children experiencing a mental, emotional, or behavioral health problem before age 18, placing them at risk of academic failure, dropping out of school and reduced socialization; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the School Board of Broward County, Florida to increase student achievement and wellness of all stakeholder groups. Research has shown a direct correlation between student wellness and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, mental and behavioral health problems are a proven predictor of struggles in academics and disciplinary issues in school; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County has partnered with community agencies to address the needs of students demonstrating mental and behavioral health problems; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the mental and behavioral health of children in our community is the responsibility of all stakeholder groups in Broward County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares

May 2017 as National Children's Mental Health Month

and urges everyone within its jurisdiction and under its authority to join in this annual observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida the 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

Attest: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-71

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH – MAY 2017

WHEREAS, communication is the act or process of imparting, transmitting, or interchanging thoughts, opinions or information and as such is a key to survival in a hearing and speaking world; and

WHEREAS, in Broward County Public Schools, thousands of students benefit from the special programs which are designed to help them improve their speech, language and hearing abilities; and

WHEREAS, many committed and dedicated staff members work diligently with these students to assist them in communicating more effectively; thus contributing to their academic achievement, social and emotional development, and career success; and

WHEREAS, among the professional staff members who help to prevent problems and rehabilitate the student with communication disorders are speech-language pathologist, teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing and audiologists; and

WHEREAS, these professional staff members are charged with the responsibility of developing and rehabilitating hearing and speech-language skills.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with organizations of and for the deaf/hard of hearing and speech-language impaired hereby declares

May 2017

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

and urges the entire community join in this observance by helping to promote a better understanding of the needs of students with speech, language, and hearing disorders; and by showing appreciation for the contributions of the professional staff members who work so diligently to meet the needs of these students.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-72

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2017**

WHEREAS, the first Jewish settlers came to this land and sought a place of promise where they could practice their faith in freedom and live in liberty; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the rich history of the Jewish people in America and honor the great contributions they have made to our county, state and country; and

WHEREAS, as a nation of immigrants, the United States is better and stronger because Jewish people from all over the world have chosen to become American citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have achieved great success, strengthened our country, enriched our culture and helped shape our way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida in conjunction with others throughout this state, hereby extends its support for the celebration of

**JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2017**

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to support this observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

NO. 17-73

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL BOSSES' WEEK
May 21-27, 2017**

WHEREAS, the administration of American schools is one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences in our society. This involves accepting duties and responsibilities with a sense of commitment and dedication to the education profession; and

WHEREAS, as society changes, the role of school administrators becomes more demanding and complex. More than ever before, they are being called on to respond to societal issues and participate in various facets of community activities; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the daily pressures, the ever-increasing demands, the changing environment, and the numerous obligations and responsibilities, administrators are very sensitive to the needs of others on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve a sound and successful educational program, administrators must set a tone which will produce a stimulating and winning climate. They must communicate a spirit of commitment and cooperation to the staff, students, parents, and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the National Association of Educational Office Professionals, in grateful recognition of the unselfish and dedicated service provided to the nation's schools, colleges, universities, and communities; hereby declares the week of

May 21-27, 2017

as

National Educational Bosses' Week

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-74

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - MAY 1 - 5, 2017
AND
NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY - MAY 2, 2017**

WHEREAS, education is a grand and powerful profession, worthy to be honored and respected; and

WHEREAS, excellence in education begins in the classrooms of our nation's schools. Teachers are among the professional educators who are charged with the responsibility of helping to shape the destiny of our country by training and guiding our children, youth, and adults; and

WHEREAS, teachers are and will continue to be a dynamic force in the educational process. They have demonstrated, through their sense of purpose and dedication to their profession, that they are a major source of inspiration to our students; and

WHEREAS, the teachers in the Broward County School System have consistently documented their professional competence and commitment to students through their willingness to give of their time, energy, talents, and ideas. They are to be lauded for the progress our students are making; and

WHEREAS, our teachers should be deeply respected and highly recognized for the contributions they have made to our county, our state, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the third Friday in May of each year has been established by Florida Statute as Teachers' Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares.

May 1 - 5, 2017 as Teacher Appreciation Week

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares

May 2, 2017 as National Teachers' Day

and urges all schools, centers, departments, parents, businesses, governmental and community agencies and the entire community to participate in the celebration of the significant role teachers play in shaping the lives of our students and the future of our great nation.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16 day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-75

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY
MAY 5, 2017**

WHEREAS, nutritious meals at school are an essential part of the school day;
and

WHEREAS, the staff of the District's school Food and Nutrition Services Department is committed to providing healthful, nutritious meals to the District's children; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who prepare and serve school meals help nurture our children through their daily interaction and support; and

WHEREAS, the day of Friday, May 5, 2017 is School Lunch Hero Day

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims

Friday, May 5, 2017

As

SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY

and expresses its deep appreciation to these valuable employees and commends their good work on behalf of children.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:

Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST:

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-76

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Honor Flight is a national charitable organization whose sole purpose is sending veterans to Washington, D.C., free of charge, to visit their memorials; and

WHEREAS, Honor Flight South Florida is the Honor Flight hub that services Broward, Dade and Monroe Counties; and

WHEREAS, Honor Flight South Florida places an emphasis on identifying and sending World War II Veterans on their flights; and

WHEREAS, we, as a nation, can never adequately repay the debt we owe the veterans who served in our nation's Armed Services, particularly in times of conflict; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Association of Student Councils has adopted support of Honor Flight South Florida as one of its major projects; and

WHEREAS, Honor Flight South Florida has consistently provided veterans to speak with our students at all grade levels ; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Association of Student Councils has led the way in sponsoring a "Flightless Honor Flight" for those veterans who are unable to fly; and

WHEREAS, in addition to fundraising, Broward County's public schools can support Honor Flight by participating in the "Homecoming Celebrations" that are held at the conclusion of each flight, and by writing letters to participating veterans to be distributed at the "Mail Call" held during each flight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, endorses and supports the efforts of the Broward County Association of Student Councils, and encourages all of our public schools to become involved in the Honor Flight project.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August, 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-77

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH – MAY 2017
and
HAITIAN FLAG DAY – MAY 18, 2017**

WHEREAS, throughout the history of Haiti, May has been a month for commemorating Haitian culture, with Haitians across the globe celebrating their achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, this occasion gives our diverse community an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social and economic contributions of Haitians to the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, promoting understanding and harmony among people is important to communities and their institutions; and

WHEREAS, the earthquake that devastated Haiti has brought many students and families to Broward County; and

WHEREAS, there is a greater awareness of the country of Haiti and the people of Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools' efforts to provide students with programs and services which emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive inter-group relations and cross-cultural communications is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Haitian people are heirs to a magnificent and rich heritage which they have shared with others here in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Haitian flag was the single most important event that brought together Haitians of all social backgrounds and galvanized their energy for a single task, the independence war; and

WHEREAS, May 18, 2017, is set aside to celebrate Haitian Flag Day;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support of

**HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2017**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida hereby extends its support of

**HAITIAN FLAG DAY
MAY 18, 2017**

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction, to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

RES. 17-79

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH May 2017

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month was established more than 25 years ago to bring foster care issues to the forefront; and highlight the importance of permanency for every child; and recognize the essential role that foster parents, social workers, and advocates have in the lives of children in foster care throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent home; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the foster care system is to ensure the safety and well-being of children while working to provide a safe, loving, and permanent home for each child; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and accomplishments of the child welfare workforce, foster parents and caregivers, guardian ad litem, community advocates, educators and mentors and the positive effects they have on children's lives; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1300 Broward County children living in foster care; and

WHEREAS, foster care is intended to be a temporary placement, the median length of stay in out-of-home care is approximately 10 months and 30% of children remain in care for more than 12 months; and

WHEREAS, the longer a child remains in foster care the greater the number of placements they experience with 65% of children in foster care more than 2 years experiencing 3 or more placements; and

WHEREAS, there are slightly over 500 licensed foster homes in Broward County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, acknowledges the unique needs of children in the foster care system; and that we recognize foster youth throughout the County for their ongoing tenacity, courage and resilience while facing life challenges; and that we honor the tireless efforts of those who work to improve outcomes for children in the child welfare system; and we acknowledge the exceptional alumni of the foster care system who serve as advocates and role models for youth who remain in care, hereby declares

May 2017 as National Foster Care Month

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-81

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PILATES DAY ~ MAY 2017

WHEREAS, First Lady Michelle Obama launched the *Let's Move!* Initiative dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams, while challenging everyone to take an active role in reducing childhood obesity, including parents and caregivers, elected officials from all levels of government, schools, health care professionals, faith-based and community-based organizations, and private sector companies to ensure a healthy future for our children; and; and

WHEREAS, the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition, supports *Let's Move!* Active Schools, a comprehensive program that empowers school champions to create active environments that enable all students to get moving to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Pilates for Growing Healthy Kids Series was developed to improve access to physical activity with Kindergarten through Twelfth grade students utilizing distance learning and experiential learning techniques, connecting physical activity and physical education to academic success; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County promotes healthy schools by supporting wellness, good nutrition, and regular physical activity as part of the learning environment. The District supports a healthy environment where children learn and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices. By facilitating learning through the support of good nutrition, healthy food choices available at school, physical activity and health practices, schools contribute to the basic health status of children; and

WHEREAS, The Pilates Day mission is to foster the public's appreciation and awareness of the Pilates Method through a network of varied, innovative, and high quality grassroots Pilates events accessible and affordable for all; and

WHEREAS, Pilates 4 Youth™ is an initiative of the Pilates Method Alliance originally conceived in 2002. The aim of the initiative is to foster and encourage teaching Pilates to children and adolescents safely and appropriately, taking into consideration the physiological and cognitive stages of development that they undergo; and

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Hospital partners in the local community through the Community Outreach Team, which works in partnership with local organizations, community groups and other healthcare professionals to develop a better understanding of local health needs, and facilitate the development of cooperative prevention strategies and improved outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County, the Pilates Method Alliance, Holy Cross Hospital, and Student Support Initiatives join in shared goals of providing students with health and wellness opportunities through initiatives that support *America's Move to Raise a Healthier Generation of Kids*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support for:

NATIONAL PILATES DAY MAY 2017

and urges all schools, centers and departments and the entire community to make this a time to recognize and celebrate putting children on the path to a healthy future.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August 2015.
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-82

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2017**

WHEREAS, Asthma affects an estimated 26 million people living in the United States, including more than 7 million children; and

WHEREAS, it causes 3 in 5 people living with asthma to limit their physical activity or miss days at school and work; and

WHEREAS, is the third leading cause of hospitalization among children; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association strives to encourage and promote the combined efforts of dedicated community-based organizations to reduce the growing burden of asthma on Floridians of all ages in the community; and

WHEREAS, children around the country miss approximately 14.4 million school days each year due to asthma. Poor asthma outcome can be attributed to race, income level and geographic location; and

WHEREAS, the annual health care cost of asthma is approximately \$56 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County seeks to improve asthma management and emergency response, by implementing a comprehensive, culturally competent, age appropriate, result driven asthma education training program to staff, students and parents by partnering with community based organizations to increase public awareness about asthma and other respiratory conditions and to optimize the quality of life for individuals affected by asthma and other respiratory illness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of Asthma Awareness Month to be celebrated and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No 17-83

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE DAY
MAY 10, 2017**

WHEREAS, The school nurse is the face of nursing for over 50 million children in schools and will be recognized on Wednesday, May 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is highly likely that more people have interacted with the school nurse than any other nursing specialty; and

WHEREAS, school nurses improve attendance through health promotion and disease management; and

WHEREAS, improved attendance means the healthy student is in the classroom and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, school nurses enable better performance which also contributes to reducing drop out rates; and

WHEREAS, are instrumental in the identification and referral to community resources for health risks; and

WHEREAS, are often the only health professional who will see students on a regular basis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of School Nurse Day to be celebrated and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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ATTEST: _____
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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-84

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
AMERICAN MUSLIM HERITAGE MONTH
MAY, 2017**

WHEREAS, Freedom of Religion holds distinction as a cherished right and a foundational value upon which the laws and ethics of the United States are based; and

WHEREAS, Enriched by unparalleled diversity of its residents, Broward County Public Schools take great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the many varied cultural traditions of its diverse population, including those of American Muslims; and

WHEREAS, The history of Islam in this country dates back to before its founding, originating with enslaved Africans who brought their Muslim belief with them to the Americas and who later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation, and there are today millions of American Muslims, both immigrants and native-born, of diverse backgrounds and belief; and

WHEREAS, Students in Broward County Public Schools currently represent 208 countries and speak 181 languages. American Muslim students, staff and community are part of this growing diversity; and

WHEREAS, Although American Muslims within Broward County strive to promote peace and understanding between all faiths, identities and nationalities while upholding those values and principles that define the American people, they have nonetheless been forced to endure harassment, assault and discrimination since the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. During the year 2015 alone, there were approximately 174 reported incidents of anti-Muslim violence and vandalism in the United States. It is therefore appropriate to acknowledge and promote awareness of the myriad of invaluable contributions of American Muslims in Broward and across the country, and extend to them the respect and camaraderie every American deserves;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parents groups and local organizations, hereby declares its support of

**AMERICAN MUSLIM HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2017**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
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ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-85

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HEART HEALTHY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2017**

WHEREAS, heart disease kills an estimated 735,000 Americans each year. It's the leading cause of death for both men and women. In the United States, the most common type of heart disease is coronary artery disease (CAD), which can lead to a heart attack. You can greatly reduce your risk for CAD through lifestyle changes and, in some cases, medication; and

WHEREAS, uncontrollable High Blood Pressure is a leading cause of heart disease and stroke. In fact, more than 70 million Americans have high blood pressure. People with high blood pressure are four times more likely to die from a stroke and three times more likely to die from heart disease, compared to those with normal blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one killer of women, causing one in four deaths each year. That is approximately one woman every minute; and

WHEREAS, February 19, 2013 – A new study shows women's heart disease awareness is increasing, with the number of women aware that heart disease is the leading cause of death nearly doubling in the last 15 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of Heart Healthy Month to be celebrated and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of August 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-86

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
DECEMBER 10, 2016**

WHEREAS, humanity thrives because of our differences and the exchange of ideas among vibrant cultures is a source of innovation, beauty and vitality; and

WHEREAS, all women and men-across borders and regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, gender identify or income level-share the freedoms of expression, religion, assembly and association; and

WHEREAS, we all have the right to take part in government, directly or through freely elected representatives; and as societies, we have the right to choose our own destiny; and

WHEREAS, all people are created equal and deserve the same rights, privileges and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this month, the President of the United States of America hereby proclaims December 10, 2016 as Human Rights Day; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida is committed to academic success of all youth and to removing barriers to that end; and we believe all people should honor one another's human rights and live a safe, nurturing life; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has taken appropriate measures to address bullying and harassment and educational equity in general through Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9, Human Relations Committee Policy 1.51 and through the Non-Discrimination Policy 4001.1; and

WHEREAS, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students are encouraged to take part in Human Rights Day in any way that is most positive and uplifting to their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida appreciates and recognizes the importance of Human Rights Day and Human Rights Week as an effective means of educating and calling to action the citizens of Broward County to work together to promote equal protection of all Broward County students and staff and all individuals across the globe because of our common and unalienable rights that bind us as one;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida declares its support of

**HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
DECEMBER 10, 2016**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August, 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools